



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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Click here for LRBOI Job Postings

<http://www.lrboi.com/hr/index.html>

Click here for LRRCR Employment

<http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html>

Fish Distribution Sign up

Each year you need to fill out the form to be on the Fish Distribution list from Natural Resources.

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Drugs Burned

Tribal police destroyed evidence from 218 drug related cases last week in a controlled burn near the police shooting range.

Port Security training

Tribal Public Safety officers participated in a Port Security training exercise at the Three Fires Conference Center last week. This was a multi-agency event and further showed our Tribal Police working with other authorities to address concerns in the area.



Community Table:

Little River is sponsoring the Community Table Dinner on Tuesday March 2nd 4:30 -7pm at St. Joseph Parish Center and we could use some helpful people to volunteer. If you would like to volunteer we need people to help cook, serve and clean up. To volunteer contact Debra Davis @ 398-6724. A good hand leads to a good heart.

New Tribal Service Reference Guide

At the end of today's Rapid River News you will find the latest guide to Tribal Services. Please keep a copy handy and also share it with tribal members who might not have access to the internet. [See Pages 6&7](#)

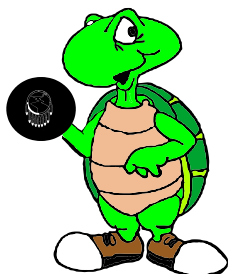
Open Board of Director Meetings at LRRCR:

- o March 26 at 4pm
- o April 9 at 4pm

Warriors Society Updates.

The Warrior Society has several announcements:

- o They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
- o A new ordinance is being reviewed right now for the group and it should be available within the next two months.
- o Next meeting is March 6th at the Aki Community Center



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Wii Bowling League

Wii Bowling for Elders. The CHRs from Tribal Health have started Wii bowling for the Elders at the Community Center on Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m. The fun game is really taking off and they hope to add more days as more and more people sign up. For more information, contact your CHR or Tribal Health. Pictures and an article will be in the next Currents.

Enrollment Department

The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

Payment Delays

It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The En-

CMU Pow Wow

The Celebrating Life Pow Wow for CMU is scheduled for March 20-21 at the Rose Arena. Grand Entry Saturday 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday Noon Head Veteran: George Martin. MC: Sonny Smart. Head Dancers: To be picked daily. Arena Director: Dave Shananaquet. Host Drum: TBA. For more info: Native American Programs, Bovee 125, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859. 989-774-2508. www.cmich.edu/powwow

Vouchers for Newly Hired Tribal Citizens

LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age who are newly hired may qualify for a Career Assistance Voucher of \$200.00 and/or an Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher of \$250.00 through the LRBOI Workforce Development Program. If you are a new hire, please contact the Workforce Development Specialist within 30 days of hire at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at dhawley@lrboi.com.

Tribal Government Internships

LRBOI Tribal Preference College Students at least 18 years of age may qualify for a paid internship in a Tribal Government Office. For details on how you may qualify, contact the Workforce Development Specialist at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at dhawley@lrboi.com.

(Kateri Circle)

"the spirit still has something for us to discover - an herb, a sprig, a flower - a very small flower, maybe you can spend a long time in its contemplation, thinking about it."

--Lame Deer, LAKOTA

The world today is about hurry up! Get there faster! Work harder, produce more, hurry up, eat quickly, be on time, don't get stressed- headaches, conflict, drink to calm down, go to training on stress management, time management - STOP! STOP! STOP! STOP! STOP! STOP! STOP! Go spend 5 minutes with a flower or a plant. Look at it - think about it - look at its beauty, smell it, close your eyes and smell it again. Touch it; touch with your eyes closed. Listen to it; listen to it with your eyes closed. Slow your mind down. Think about the little things. Now close your eyes and pray.

Great Spirit, this feeling of calmness that I have, let me have it all day long.

3rd Annual SagChip Round Dance

The 3rd annual round dance has been announced for March 13th at the Tribal Gym. Feast is at 5 p.m. and dancing is from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. A midnight snack will be provided. For more info, call Nathan Isaac at 989-600-5549 or Dan Jackson at 989-400-6644. There is a \$1000 Grand Prize drawing at 1 a.m.

Youth Build Manistee

Northwest Michigan Works! is expanding the Youth-Build program to include Manistee/Benzie, Traverse City, and Beaver Island. A national program, YouthBuild trains high school drop-out youth, ages 18 to 24, in the construction trades. Hands-on learning takes place in building affordable housing within the community. The youth spend 50% of their time on academics -- obtaining a high school diploma or preparing for the GED. For more information or an application form contact David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist (ext 6842). Link for more information: <http://www.nwm.org/youthbuild.asp>

Traditional Healer visit

J. D. Gibson, Traditional Healer will be in Manistee on March 9th, 2010. Appointments are available for Indian Health Services (IHS) eligible Native Americans. Please contact Julie Wolfe to schedule an appointment. She may be reached at 231.398.6632. This is sponsored by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health of LRBOI.

Tribal Directories

The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done. If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office.

Elders Meeting:

First
Saturday of
every month



Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

- *Gaming has 2 openings
- * Binojeeuk has 2 openings
- * Health has 1 opening

All other commission seats available have been filled.

Seasonal Natural Resource jobs. The Tribal Natural Resources Department has announced that once again, seasonal positions with the department will be available. This popular program has helped a number of students and has been a great assist to our NR Department as they work on their projects.

The seasonal positions will be to assist the fisheries and aquatic biologists with projects such as fishery population monitoring, sturgeon work and stream restoration research including wild rice planning. These positions will include extensive fieldwork, equipment upkeep, stream electrofishing, sturgeon collection and rearing, macroinvertebrate sampling and data analysis. This position requires flexibility in scheduling including late nights and weekends.

Qualifications for the positions include:

Required:

- *A minimum of enrollment in BS degree in Biology (or related field)
- * Knowledge of fisheries and other aquatic sampling techniques
- *Electrofishing, telemetry, water sampling
- *Valid driver license throughout employment as needed

Preferred:

- *Two years experience in biological sampling techniques
- *Macroinvertebrate Identification

The positions will start in early May and continue through August. If you are interested please send your resume to LRBOI Human Resources, 375 River St. Manistee, MI 49660 and indicate that you are interested in temporary work in the Natural Resources Department. For more information, contact the Natural Resources office toll-free at 1.866.723.1594 or within the Manistee area at 723.1594.

NEW RENTAL HOMES AVAILABLE SOON

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department is pleased to announce that we will have five new 3-bedroom homes available soon for rent at Aki Maadiziwin in Manistee. These are newly constructed single family homes with all new appliances (including washer/dryer, microwave), attached garages and full basements.

These homes are available for low-income families. To be considered "low-income" your annual gross household income cannot exceed the amounts listed below.

| Family Size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Income | \$35,850 | \$40,950 | \$46,100 | \$51,200 |
| | 5 | 6 | | |
| | \$55,300 | \$59,400 | | |

Monthly rental payments will be 20% of the household's adjusted monthly income plus utilities.

Copies of the Regulations governing eligibility and occupancy may be obtained from the Housing Department or the tribal web site.

If you are interested in applying for a rental unit, please call the Housing Department Toll Free at 1.888.723.8288 or direct 231.398.6876.

Building Security

The Bank Building (Tribal Government Headquarters) has now had card access equipment installed at all of the main entries. Non-government employees and visitors need to check in at the front desk (River Street entrance) before going upstairs. This is a safety feature that will let emergency personnel know who is in the building for evacuation purposes. Similar procedures are planned for the other government offices.

LRBOI Jiingtamok

LRBOI Jiingtamok for 2010 will be held the 3rd and 4th of July at the gathering grounds. Drums and other persons have not yet been finalized. Vendors can contact Valerie (or Terri), although invitations are also being sent. Vendor space is \$100 for 20ft of "frontage", slightly higher for food vendors (who get 40ft). Grand Entries will be 1 PM and 7 PM on the 3rd and 1PM on the 4th. More details will be released as they become available. Call 1-888-723-8288 ext 6891 for more details.

Indian Health Service

Scholarships

American Indian and Alaska Native students are invited to apply for pre-graduate scholarships from the Indian Health Service. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who can

document that they meet Tribal membership requirements and are enrolled in courses leading to a bachelor's degree in specific pre-professional areas as needed by Indian Health programs.

Applications are due March 28, 2010. Complete details, including an online application, can be found at the IHS

Web site: <http://www.scholarship.ihs.gov/>

**The summer youth camp will be
Aug. 2-13, 2010.**

**Watch the Rapid River News and
Currents for more details.**

Per Cap Direct Deposit

Here are the deadlines for the upcoming Per Cap payment:

**March 2, 2010 - Deadline for submitting
a Direct Deposit form**

**March 17, 2010 - Deadline for submitting
an address change form**

**March 27, 2010 - Deadline for submitting
a Direct Deposit
Cancellation form**

Come Join the Diabetes Talking Circle

- **Learn:**
- **Myths about diabetes**
- **Diabetes prevention**
- **Diabetes risk factors**
- **Types of diabetes**
- **Eating healthy, dietary guidelines**
- **Reading food labels and shopping for healthy foods**
- **Healthy food preparation**
- **Traditional foods**
- **Routine medical care**

This group can help support your desire to change your eating habits/diet, support a family member with diabetes, and assist you in making changes to be healthier. Tuesday 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Health Clinic or Wednesday 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Aki Community Center. Classes run for 12 weeks. For more information or to sign up for a class contact Holly Davis RN, MSN Diabetes Educator/Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Teresa Johnson Community Health Representative at 231-398-6629.

S.S. Badger.

The car ferry S.S. Badger is not offering tribal discounts for the 2010 sailing season.

2-1-1 Starts!

The 2-1-1 local service information system kicked off last week. The service, which received support from Tribal Council, helps residents to connect to needed services and information within their community. Callers, upon identifying themselves as Tribal Members, are given tribal contact information and assistance in finding services and opportunities within the community.

Troops Fishing Tournament

The Little River Casino Resort is partnering with Manistee County Charter Boat Captains for the inaugural Tight Lines for Troops charity salmon fishing tournament. The event has been scheduled for Monday, May 24th, 2010 on Lake Michigan. Watch the Currents for complete details.

United Tribes of MI

Last week, Ogema Romanelli, Council Members Chapman and Johnson attended the United Tribes of Michigan meeting in Lansing, accompanied by several staff members. The well-attended and productive meeting addressed many of the state's tribal concerns. See the full article in the next Currents.

Wisconsin Election Board meeting

Saturday March 6th, the Tribal Election Board will be hosting a Community meeting at the Congregation of the Great Spirit Church in Milwaukee, WI. The meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The address of the Church is 1575 S. 10th Street (Corner of 10th and Lapham). The purpose of the meeting is to present information on the proposed election regulation changes.

Natural Resource Department Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution

Every year you need to sign up for the Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution if you are interested in receiving fish. There are three ways you may sign up.

1. Call Natural Resource Office: 866-723-1594 or 231-398-2180
2. E-mail your name, Tribal ID, address, phone number and please indicate if you are an Elder to bharnish@lrboi.com.
3. Fill out the form below and mail to address on form.

2010 Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution Form

Name: _____ Elder: Yes ___ No ___ Tribal ID _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail to: LRBOI NR Department
Atten: Bonnie Harnish
375 River Street

American Indian Journalism Institute

The Annual AIJI at the University of South Dakota is June 16-25, 2010. Applications for this internship are being taken through March 19th. Please see the announcement below. Over the years, several LRBOI students have taken this popular program. If you have interest in journalism, this is a wonderful opportunity. Please go open this .pdf for details:

Multimedia Training, Credits Available to College Students
February 17, 2010

By Reznat

VERMILLION, S.D. — The Freedom Forum is accepting applications for the annual American Indian Journalism Institute. It will be held June 16-25, 2010, at the University of South Dakota.

Selected students attend AIJI for free and receive other financial assistance. They will become eligible for college credit by taking a multimedia journalism course taught at the Freedom Forum's Al Neuharth Media Center on the University of South Dakota's Vermillion campus.

Graduates will contend for six-week paid internships as reporters, copy editors, photographers and multimedia journalists in daily newsrooms and with the Associated Press beginning about July 1.

The Freedom Forum administers and funds AIJI, including tuition, fees, books, room and board. To be eligible,

students must have completed at least one year of college and have a passion for journalism.

Program graduates will earn three hours of college credit from the University of South Dakota that they may transfer to their current school. Many AIJI graduates have become contributors to Reznatnews.org.

Jack Marsh, AIJI founding director and Freedom Forum vice president for diversity programs, said, "Having even one Native American working in a newsroom makes the organization more aware of American Indians in its community, and more sensitive and intelligent in reporting stories about them."

AIJI is part of the Freedom Forum's commitment to diversify employment in daily newsrooms.

The application deadline is March 19.

Instructions and application forms are available at www.freedomforumdiversity.org or by e-mailing Janine Harris at jharris@freedomforum.org.

Tribal Service Reference Guide

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| Family Services Ext. 6726 | Individual and Family Self-Sufficiency Education and Assistance Family Counseling Family Violence Prevention Notary Services | Indian Child Welfare Intervention & Reunification Elder Services Positive Indian Parenting Programs Family Violence Protection, Education, Advocacy and Consulting |
| Health Clinic Contract Health Services Ext 6601 | Family Physician, Medical Services, Community Health Resource, Diabetic Education, Health Nursing- (Limited Health Benefit Programs) Contract Health Services (CHS) for the 9 county service area Extended Health Assistance Program (EHAP) outside the 9 county service area Counseling and Referral for Substance Abuse and Mental Health | |
| Education Ext. 6735 | Michigan Tuition Waiver Adult Education Incentive Grant, Higher Education Program, Book Stipend Program Vocational Education Assistance Program | Activities Assistance, Senior (High school) Expenses, Drivers Training Assistance and 12 th Grade Laptop Computer Program School Clothing Assistance Student Services |
| Members Assistance Ext. 6731 or 6733 | Low Income Energy Assistance Food Assistance Rental & Mortgage Assistance Emergency Transportation Elder Chore Services Program Referral Services available | (Grant Funded Programs available to 9 County Service Areas) LIHEAP REACH Well and Septic Program Elder Meal Program |

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| Commodities Ext. 6715 | USDA Commodities Distribution - The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) provides a variety of Commodity Foods to low-income households living on or near Indian reservations. | |
| Enrollment Ext. 6712 or 6713 | Enrollment Processing Address Changes Bereavement Program Notary Services | Judgment Funds Tribal Directory Information Per Capita Beneficiary Form Per Capita Information Services |
| Housing Ext. 6878 | -Aki Maadiziwin Subdivision Low income single family and elder rental homes Fair market rent-to-own single family homes -Fair market rentals primarily in Manistee | -Two short term low income rentals in Manistee -Leasehold mortgage program. -Down payment and closing cost assistance program. |
| Tax Dept. Ext. 6874 | Tax-exempt Motor Fuel Program, Tribal Tax Licenses, Tribal Business Licenses | Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Resident Tribal Members/Tribal Entities, Commercial and Subsistence Fishers |
| Commerce Ext. 6879 | Small Business Loan Program Tribal Owned Economic Development Tribal Member Owned Economic Development | Tribal Title Office Work Force Development |
| Legal Assistance Ext. 2234 | Legal Advice that includes but is not limited to the following: Estate Planning: preparation of Trusts, Wills, Durable Power of Attorneys, Medical Power of Attorneys for Tribal Members and their spouses. Real Estate Landlord-Tenant Matters Divorce/Custody, Support Probate of Estates Driver’s Licenses Criminal Matters Civil Matters Paternity, DNA Testing, Birth Certificates Guardianships & Conservatorships for children & adults General Legal Advice General Information: The Attorney cannot appear in court with a Tribal member or assist with issues that involve the Tribe, but can assist with providing legal guidance and drafting of documents. The Attorney can represent Tribal Elders in tribal court in civil matters that do not involve the tribe. Reminder: If you are served with a Summons and Complaint contact the Attorney IMMEDIATELY. | |
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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.
Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com .
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.